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SOLIS, BROWN-WAITE AND CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS
HONOR WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

*Wreath Laying Ceremony at Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Arlington
National Cemetery to Honor their Service, Courage and Sacrifice*

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Today, Representatives Hilda L. Solis (CA-32), Democratic Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues (CCWI), Ginny Brown-Waite (FL-05), Republican Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and members of the CCWI honored women who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces by laying a wreath at the foot of the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

The ceremony also honored five senior female non-commissioned officers (NCOs) who are currently serving in each of the five branches of the military for their achievements. The honorees included: Drill Sergeant Jennifer Fowler, U.S. Army; Master Sergeant Susan Piasecki, Air Force; Senior Chief Jennifer Jensen, Coast Guard; Sergeant Major Ramona Cook, Marine Corps; and Force Master Chief Karen O'Connor, Navy.

"Women throughout history have played critical roles in the Armed Forces both in times of war and peace. Our troops and women in the military deserve our respect and gratitude for their daily sacrifices, selfless commitment and valor for our country," said Congresswoman Solis. "I will continue to address their needs and protect their rights."

"Since the foundation of our Republic, women have served honorably and with distinction in our armed forces. Whether it was supplying our troops in the Revolutionary War, tending to the wounded in the Civil War, or fighting today in Iraq and Afghanistan, women have been a vital part of our nation's military history. Today, we are here to honor those women who have served and died defending our freedoms and liberties as Americans. Women soldiers are a vital part of our armed services, and should continue to be recognized for their accomplishments and for their sacrifices," said Congresswoman Brown-Waite.

The Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues is comprised of all the female Members of Congress. It has been in existence since 1977.

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